

BORDER FEELING IS AT FEVER HEAT

Martial Law Is in Force Following Mexican Depredations.

EVERY MAN FULLY ARMED

Murder and Arson Minimized, as No Soldiers Were Involved.

San Diego, Cal., March 16.—Although no proclamation was issued, martial law existed today along the border for several miles each side of Tecate, Cal., following the destruction by fire of the general store, containing the United States post-office, and custom-office, and the murder of Postmaster Frank Johnston on Saturday night by three men, declared to be Mexicans.

At last night the border was patrolled by American troops from Fort Rosecrans. Just across the line Mexican rurales performed guard duty.

Every man within a radius of ten miles of Tecate is fully armed, and food and ammunition have been ordered from this city.

Governor Hiram W. Johnson was asked today to make formal demand on Governor Francisco Vasquez, of Lower California, for the delivery of the Mexicans suspected of having killed Johnston.

Major W. C. Davis, commander at Fort Rosecrans, received instructions from Washington to lend any assistance to the immigration and customs officials and keep the department informed of conditions. He already had taken initiative to the full scope of his authority.

Mexican feeling is aroused to fever heat in the vicinity of Tecate.

Soldiers Not Involved.

Washington, March 16.—Members of a Mexican railroad construction gang killed Postmaster Frank W. Johnston and burned the post-office at Tecate, Cal., on Saturday night, according to a report to the War Department late today from army headquarters at San Francisco. None of the men has been apprehended.

Satisfied by this report that no Mexican Federal soldiers or officials were involved, and that the crime was not political, State Department officials announced that the affair would be handled in the ordinary way. Every effort will be made to secure the arrest of the murderers and have them returned to California under extradition proceedings for trial.

The report to the War Department said:

Three or more Mexicans armed with revolvers crossed the national line at Tecate, killing one civilian and wounding another civilian seriously and burning a store, including the body of the civilian. The Mexicans escaped, but one was recognized as a member of a railroad construction gang, quarantined about half mile south of Tecate. Federal soldiers not now thought implicated. Captain Page and three squads of the Twenty-eighth Company, Coast Artillery, are now encamped at Tecate, with orders to assist the customs and immigration officials in the enforcement of the neutrality laws. Everything reported quiet now.

None of the reports comments to which Secretary Bryan has transmitted copies of General Carranza's last statement regarding the flight of American consuls to look after foreign interests in Mexico line yet made any response. Secretary Bryan continues to decline to comment upon the Carranza statement, but it is significant of his purpose that the secretary states he will continue to instruct American consuls to intervene to protect foreigners in the war zone. If they

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Laredo, Texas, March 16.—Decisive defeat of a column of Constitutional troops en route, it is believed, to take part in the proposed attack on Monterey, Mexico, at Bustamante Canyon, is reported in official advices received tonight at Federal headquarters at Nuevo Laredo. The rebels were utterly routed, according to the dispatch, with a loss of about 500 men killed, captured or wounded. The Federal losses were not stated.

Bustamante Canyon is about midway between Laredo and Monterey. In their flight, the Constitutionalists were said to have left behind large quantities of arms and ammunition, and the Federal forces claimed the capture of many wagons, carrying arms and supplies, and 100 loaded pack animals. The rebels, reported as part of the movement against Monterey, were moving toward Morales, Nuevo Leon. Who commanded the forces engaged was not stated.

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General Quintana, with 1,200 Federal troops, was reported tonight en route to Nuevo Laredo to take command of the garrison there, and General Guardiola, who, with a large Federal force, is marching overland to attack Matamoros, across the boundary from Brownsville, Texas, was reported near Guerrero today. The great number of the rebel troops stationed at Matamoros were withdrawn to take part in the campaign against Monterey.

ALLEGED MURDERER CAUGHT

Negro Wanted in Norfolk Arrested Early This Morning.

John Winston, alias "Richmond," colored, charged with the murder of a man who is wanted in Norfolk on the charge of murder, was arrested this morning at 2:30 by Detective Sergeants Kregel and Atkinson at 227 Short Porter Street, South Richmond, where he has been in hiding for nearly two weeks.

Yesterday afternoon Chief of Police Wertheim, as information had been obtained that he was in this city, Kregel and Atkinson were detailed on the case, and succeeded in locating him on the South River.

Knowing that the negro had a reputation as a gunman, the detectives summoned Patterson M. J. Dunn, a white man, who was requested by Chief Kregel of Norfolk, to arrest Winston. With drawn revolvers the detective entered, and had no difficulty in arresting the man they sought.

Police Station, who was locked up at the Third Police Station, according to the police, admitted that he shot and killed Dick Smith, also colored, in Norfolk, on March 1.

BURNS IS AT WORK ON LEO FRANK CASE

Famous Detective Promises That Mystery Shall Be Cleared Away.

HE SEEKS ONLY THE TRUTH

Already Assured That Condemned Man Is Not a Pervert.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

Atlanta, Ga., March 16.—In a statement today, Detective William J. Burns practically gave his promise to the public that he would clear away all mystery surrounding the murder of Mary Phagan, for which crime Leo M. Frank is sentenced to hang on April 17. "I have no doubt," he declared, "concerning the ability of myself and that of my associates to clear up this affair," declared Mr. Burns. "I am not relying on my methods alone. I have associated with me some of the country's greatest experts on criminal investigations of this particular kind, and the public may rest assured we will find the truth."

"And the truth is all we are after. I have been enabled to clear up far more baffling mysteries than is presented in this case, and when they were cleared up they appeared to have been very simple problems. All I ask is that the public keep an open mind, just as I am doing. I would not, of course, do anything to thwart justice. I believe in capital punishment for murders, and whoever killed Mary Phagan should be hanged for the crime."

"Those who employed me in this case are fully apprised of my attitude, and they know that I will make the truth known, regardless of whom it affects. I take it for granted that the city detectives and the justice department will co-operate with me in this quest."

Burns stated, after a long conversation with Frank, during which he closely observed the prisoner's actions and mental processes, he is convinced Frank is not a pervert. He was charged by Jim Conley at the trial.

In my work I have had occasion to come in contact with abnormal people of all kinds, and I know them and their characteristics well. Burns said, "Many perverts occupy high places in society and in business. It is a matter of fact, for me to detect one. Abnormality has its untold marks. Frank is a normal man. I am satisfied of this fact."

Mr. Burns said he expected to interview Jim Conley at the popular impression that he expected to submit Conley to the "third degree" method.

Inspects Scene of Murder.

Burns began his work today by making a visit to the National Pencil Factory, where Mary Phagan was murdered. He was accompanied by Captain C. W. Burke, a detective in the employ of the defense, and Attorney Leonard Haas, one of Frank's counsel. Burns went to the basement to the point where the body was discovered, and commenced a minute examination of the physical points in the case.

After a careful inspection of the basement, Burns went to the ground floor, and was shown the elevator where Conley claims he sat for an hour or more on the morning of the tragedy waiting for Frank to call him. From there the detective went to the metal room on the second floor, where the prosecution contends the murder was committed.

An interesting feature of the case today was an invitation extended by Frank to the members of the Southern Newspaper Publishers Association to visit him in the town and answer any questions they desired answered.

HUERTA, DEFIANT, BRINGING ABOUT GRAVE SITUATION

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Juarez, to have his machine at Chihuahua within the next twenty-four hours. Incidentally, it was learned that the regular triweekly passenger service between Juarez and Chihuahua had been abandoned temporarily.

The trains are said to be needed for transporting troops south from Chihuahua. These two facts were taken by rebel officials at Juarez to indicate that General Villa is anxious to begin his attack on the Federal intrenchments at Torreon. General Angeles, the artillery expert, who left here yesterday for Chihuahua, was reported to have halted only long enough for a conference with Villa, and to have proceeded to the front without further delay.

Sensational reports of big battles and great loss of life in dynamited trains remained without confirmation today, and were denied in official circles and by correspondents of the Associated Press at Chihuahua.

It was learned that the Federal railroad between Eagle Pass and Torreon still is open, a fact which railroad men say means that there has been no significant fighting thus far at the Torreon front.

In the telegraph office at Juarez it was stated that the censorship inaugurated yesterday applies more to the quantity of matter that can be filed by

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correspondents than to the quality. The single line, it was explained, was crowded with official business, and it was found necessary to decrease the amount of press dispatches being filed.

Going to Mexican Waters.

Seattle, Wash., March 16.—The cruiser "Chattanooga," now at the Puget Sound Navy-Yard, has been ordered to be ready to sail for Mexican waters about April 1. She will relieve the cruiser "Pittsburgh," now on Mexican duty.

American Is Murdered.

El Paso, Texas, March 17.—Oscar Allen, an American who was employed as watchman by the Madera Company, Ltd., of Pearson, Chihuahua, was murdered by Mexicans some time on Sunday night. Details of the murder have not been received yet, although friends of the dead man have sent messages to Pearson requesting that they be furnished with full particulars.

The message which brought word of the murder said that the body of Allen had been found near the commissary store.

Allen was fifty-five years of age. He was born at Corpus Christi, Texas, where a brother and sister survive him. Allen's father was sheriff of Nueces County, Texas, for several years. A widow and several children reside in Pearson.

Views Heard by Sherman.

Washington, March 16.—Senator Lawrence V. Sherman, of Illinois, who has just returned from Chicago, said today:

"I have been among the people of Illinois for a week, and I have heard them discuss the Mexican situation, and this is what I gathered from them. Nobody wants war, but the people of my State feel that we are being humiliated by the insolent conduct of about three different alleged governments in

Mexico. They feel that the dignity of the United States is waning, and that we are being kicked about by a lot of bandits who assume to be governing Mexico."

The question in the minds of the people of Illinois is much the same. The sentiment of the United States is going to stand.

"I can't take arms into Mexico to protect our own legations. Huerta denies them admission, so our representatives there must remain unarmed."

"Again, the Mexicans won't permit the holding of an investigation into the death of a British subject, because, they say, it is none of our business."

"The difficulty is that Mexico cannot preserve order herself, and will not permit any other nation to undertake it. It is a dog in the manger policy, pure and simple."

"I heard a good many men who have followed the situation closely, say that the Monroe Doctrine would not be badly dislocated if the United States were to invite the powers of Europe to join with this country in establishing order in Mexico. They cite the Boxer case as a precedent."

"I do not give these as my own opinions. I am not prepared to state mine. They are the views of the people I met on my trip."

Pena and Bonillas Freed.

Nogales, Sonora, Mexico, March 16.—Alfredo Pena, former Mexican Senator, and Manuel Bonillas, ex-Minister of Finance, were set at liberty today, having been freed of the charge that they had been conspiring against General Venustiano Carranza.

They were arrested on the charge of having entered an anti-Carranza plot on Saturday.

Confers With Bankers.

New York, March 16.—R. N. Brown, president of the National Railways of Mexico, today conferred with bankers with respect to a plan for the payment of \$1,500,000 interest due on April 1 on the road's bonds.

Mr. Brown said that a larger percentage of the National Railways mileage was in operation when he left

than for some months, due to the assistance and protection given by the government.

Troops Ready to Move.

Atlanta, Ga., March 16.—The Seventeenth Infantry, ordered from Fort Meade, near here, to Eagle Pass, Texas, for patrol duty on the border in connection with the Mexican situation, will convey the troops, one detachment Wednesday night and Thursday, it was announced here tonight. Two trains will convey the troops, one going by way of Memphis, Lieutenant-Colonel Griffith, late of the Nineteenth Infantry, will be in command.

Many Rumors Abont.

Douglas, Ariz., March 16.—General Carranza, "first chief" of the Constitutionalists, has not been heard from since he left Agua Prieta last week. He was expected to reach Onitza Pass, between Sonora and Chihuahua States, today.

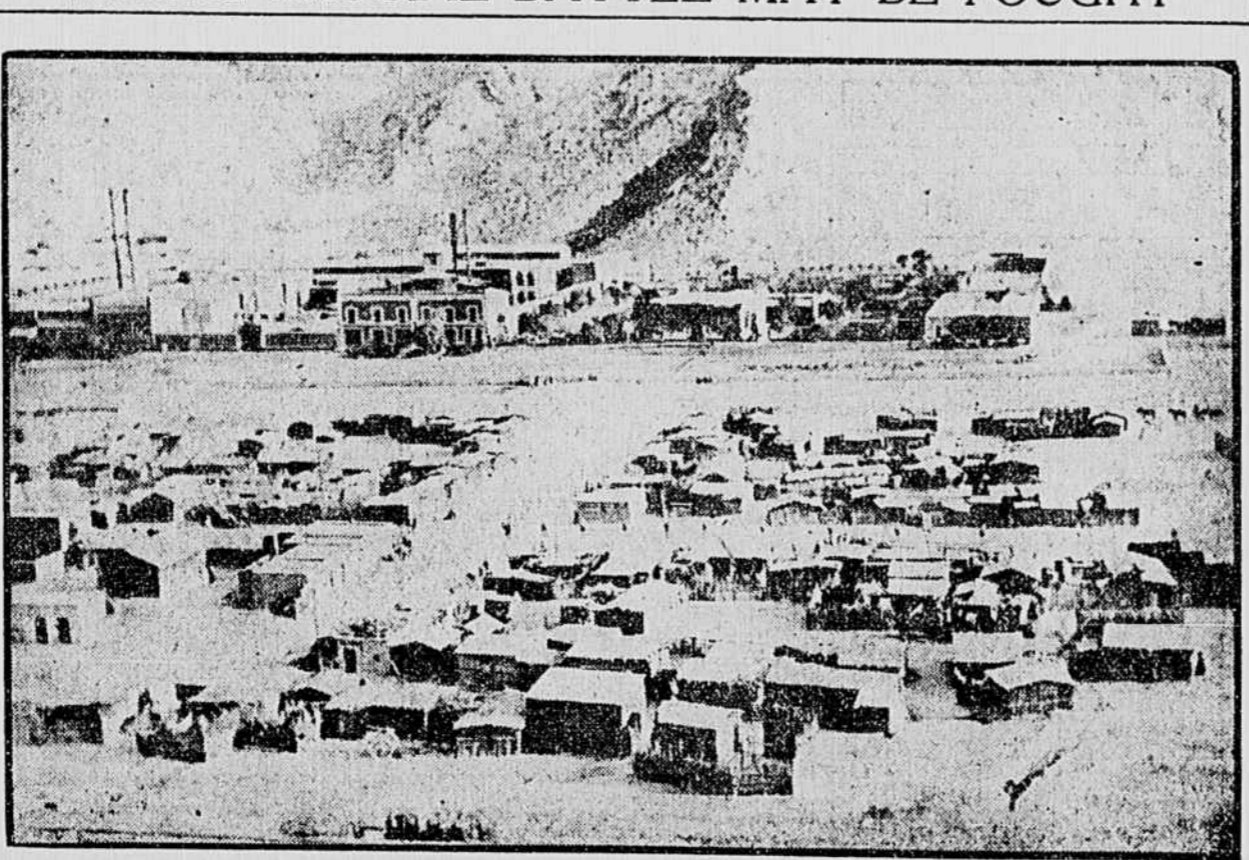
Meantime, many rumors are afloat that Carranza intends to camp in the mountains and remain out of communication with the border until assured of the attitude of Villa toward him. He is also said to be desirous of keeping out of touch with the United States for a time. Both of these reports, however, were branded by rebels as falsehoods circulated by Huerta agents.

Consul Is Deposed.

Nogales, Ariz., March 16.—On account of alleged lack of sympathy with General Carranza personally, Ricardo Gayon, Constitutional consul here, today was summarily dismissed. He will be succeeded by E. V. Anaya, of Tucson.

This is the latest development in the anti-Carranza plot, which is said to have been formed here recently. Gayon said he supported the cause, and not the man, and it is reported that there was fear he might join with the opponents of General Carranza.

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